

## ABSTRACT

A liquid crystal display device 10 includes a backlight 1, a collimating  
element 2 for collimating incoming light from the backlight 1 and transmitting the  
5 collimated light, a liquid crystal cell 3 for allowing the light coming from the  
collimating element 2 to pass therethrough, and a viewing angle widening element  
4 for widening the viewing angle by diffusing the light transmitted through the  
liquid crystal cell 3, in which the collimating element 2 does not have a periodic  
pattern structure that allows Moire fringes or interference patterns seen in optical  
10 observation from a display side to be formed relative to a periodic pattern  
structure of another optical member of the liquid crystal display device 10.

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